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To whom it may concern:

As a U.S. Citizen, I have a number of problems with the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case. Among its more egregious faults, the settlement allows Microsoft to retaliate against any OEM that ships computers with a competing operating system. This is one of the anticompetitive tactics that Microsoft used to maintain its monopoly in the first place. The fact that it's not only allowed by the proposed settlement, but in fact explicitly provided for, is a fatal flaw in the settlement. For this reason alone (to say nothing of the settlement's many other flaws) the proposed settlement should be scrapped.

Thank you.

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"In theory there's no difference between theory and practice, but in practice there is."